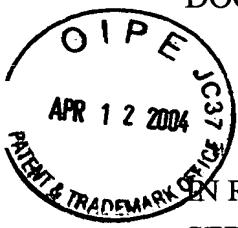


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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated November 10, 2003, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.